

Table 46

**Trends in Persons Served, Visits, Total Charges, Visit Charges, and Program Payments for Medicare Home Health Agency Services,
by Year of Service: Selected Calendar Years 1974-2002**

| Year of Service | Persons Served | | Visits | | | Total Charges in Thousands | Visit Charges | | | Program Payments | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Number in Thousands | Per 1,000 Enrollees | Number in Thousands | Per Person Served | Per 1,000 Enrollees | | Amount in Thousands | Per Visit | Per Person Served | Per Enrollee | Amount in Thousands | Per Person Served ² | Per Enrollee |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974 | 392.7 | 16 | 8,070 | 21 | 340 | \$147,499 | \$137,406 | \$17 | \$350 | \$6 | \$141,464 | \$360 | \$6 |
| 1976 | 588.7 | 23 | 13,335 | 23 | 520 | 312,325 | 292,697 | 22 | 497 | 11 | 289,851 | 492 | 11 |
| 1978 | 769.7 | 28 | 17,345 | 23 | 639 | 500,747 | 474,498 | 27 | 617 | 18 | 435,322 | 566 | 16 |
| 1980 | 957.4 | 34 | 22,428 | 23 | 788 | 770,703 | 734,718 | 33 | 767 | 26 | 662,133 | 692 | 23 |
| 1982 | 1,171.9 | 40 | 30,787 | 26 | 1,044 | 1,296,454 | 1,232,684 | 40 | 1,052 | 42 | 1,104,715 | 943 | 37 |
| 1984 | 1,515.9 | 50 | 40,337 | 27 | 1,324 | 1,982,033 | 1,843,706 | 46 | 1,216 | 61 | 1,666,253 | 1,099 | 55 |
| 1985 | 1,588.6 | 51 | 39,742 | 25 | 1,279 | 2,124,312 | 2,040,697 | 51 | 1,285 | 66 | 1,773,048 | 1,116 | 57 |
| 1986 | 1,600.2 | 50 | 38,359 | 24 | 1,208 | 2,190,238 | 2,102,253 | 55 | 1,314 | 66 | 1,795,820 | 1,122 | 57 |
| 1987 | 1,564.5 | 48 | 36,088 | 23 | 1,113 | 2,210,670 | 2,104,753 | 58 | 1,345 | 65 | 1,791,589 | 1,145 | 55 |
| 1988 | 1,601.7 | 49 | 37,713 | 24 | 1,144 | 2,453,974 | 2,341,441 | 62 | 1,462 | 71 | 1,945,768 | 1,215 | 59 |
| 1989 | 1,724.9 | 51 | 47,258 | 27 | 1,407 | 3,240,071 | 3,113,345 | 66 | 1,805 | 93 | 2,431,643 | 1,410 | 72 |
| 1990 | 1,967.1 | 57 | 70,268 | 36 | 2,054 | 5,031,248 | 4,856,147 | 69 | 2,469 | 142 | 3,713,652 | 1,892 | 109 |
| 1991 | 2,242.9 | 64 | 99,825 | 45 | 2,862 | 7,365,931 | 7,117,436 | 71 | 3,173 | 204 | 5,369,051 | 2,397 | 154 |
| 1992 | 2,506.2 | 70 | 132,220 | 53 | 3,714 | 10,229,130 | 9,900,157 | 75 | 3,950 | 278 | 7,396,822 | 2,955 | 208 |
| 1993 | 2,874.1 | 79 | 164,234 | 57 | 4,520 | 13,673,836 | 13,241,340 | 81 | 4,607 | 364 | 9,726,444 | 3,389 | 268 |
| 1994 ¹ | 3,179.2 | 93 | 208,621 | 66 | 6,122 | 17,761,662 | 17,234,388 | 83 | 5,421 | 506 | 12,660,526 | 3,987 | 372 |
| 1995 ¹ | 3,469.4 | 102 | 249,394 | 72 | 7,322 | 21,591,139 | 20,973,734 | 84 | 6,045 | 616 | 15,391,094 | 4,441 | 452 |
| 1996 ¹ | 3,599.7 | 107 | 264,798 | 74 | 7,857 | 23,327,834 | 22,655,440 | 86 | 6,294 | 672 | 16,756,767 | 4,660 | 497 |
| 1997 ¹ | 3,557.5 | 108 | 258,168 | 73 | 7,821 | 23,460,105 | 22,766,628 | 88 | 6,400 | 690 | 16,718,263 | 4,704 | 506 |
| 1998 ¹ | 3,061.6 | 95 | 155,407 | 51 | 4,804 | 14,846,358 | 14,399,716 | 93 | 4,703 | 445 | 10,456,908 | 3,420 | 323 |
| 1999 ¹ | 2,719.7 | 85 | 113,439 | 42 | 3,525 | 11,370,780 | 11,065,837 | 98 | 4,069 | 344 | 7,936,513 | 2,921 | 247 |
| 2000 ¹ | 2,461.2 | 75 | 90,566 | 37 | 2,766 | 9,488,429 | 9,245,053 | 102 | 3,756 | 282 | 7,215,958 | 2,936 | 193 |
| 2001 ¹ | 2,402.5 | 71 | 73,573 | 31 | 2,173 | 8,199,439 | 7,987,887 | 109 | 3,325 | 236 | 8,513,702 | 3,545 | 251 |
| 2002 ¹ | 2,544.4 | 73 | 78,192 | 31 | 2,235 | 9,088,756 | 8,865,475 | 113 | 3,484 | 253 | 9,550,683 | 3,765 | 273 |
| Average Annual Rate of Change | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-1982 | 14.6 | 12.1 | 18.2 | 2.7 | 15.1 | 31.2 | 31.6 | 11.3 | 14.7 | 27.5 | 29.3 | 12.8 | 25.5 |
| 1982-1987 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 3.2 | -2.4 | 1.3 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 7.7 | 5.0 | 9.1 | 10.2 | 4.0 | 8.3 |
| 1987-2002 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 4.8 | 9.9 | 10.1 | 4.5 | 6.6 | 9.5 | 11.8 | 8.3 | 11.3 |
| 1974-2002 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 8.4 | 1.4 | 7.0 | 15.9 | 16.0 | 7.0 | 8.6 | 14.3 | 16.2 | 8.7 | 14.6 |

¹Beginning with 1994, Medicare enrollees in managed care plans are not included in the denominator used to calculate the utilization rates and average payments.

²Does not reflect beneficiaries who received covered services but for whom no program payments were reported during the reporting year.

NOTES: Medicare program payments represent fee-for-service only and exclude amounts paid for managed care services. Total charges and visit charges are shown for trend purposes only. With the implementation of the home health prospective payment system, beginning October 1, 2000, program payments are now associated with episodes and not individual visits. Numbers may not add to total because of rounding.

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